

REMARKS

In complete response to the Office Action of November 4, 2004, on the above-identified application, Claims 16-36 and 50-59 are withdrawn. Applicants have amended Claims 37-40, 42, 44, 46, and 48, and have added new Claims 60-79 to further define the invention.

Election/Restrictions

In response to the requirement for restriction, Applicants elect the invention of Group II, Claims 37-49, drawn to a self-reversible invert latex, classified in class 524, subclass 800+.

The Examiner requested a restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121, between the following allegedly distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 17-36, and 50-52, drawn to a cationic polyelectrolyte composition, process of producing, and use thereof, classified in class 526, subclass 303.1+.
- II. Claims 37-49, drawn to a self-reversible invert latex and method of producing, classified in class 524, subclass 800+.
- III. Claims 53-59, drawn to a method of preparing a self-reversible invert latex, classified in class 524, subclass various, depending on monomers.

Applicants have withdrawn the claims of Group I and Group III in response to the Examiner's comments.

New Claims

Applicants have added new Claims 60-79 to further define the invention. These claims are fully supported in the specification and further define specific features of the Group II claims drawn to a self-reversible invert latex. Thus, these new claims clearly belong to Group II.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the forgoing, Applicants respectfully request early and favorable consideration of the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

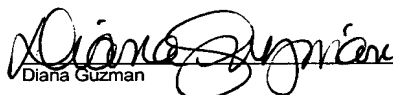

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